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TO : Chief, Foreign Division "E"

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FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe 1/145

SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— CAUTERY 2

1. CAUTERY 2 is a 40 year old former official (Kriminalrat) of the German Criminal Police. He is the only member of the CAUTERY chain with practical intelligence experience, having occupied a ranking position in the German Security Service (SD) in Italy during the war. He is endowed with an alert and tentative mind. His comprehension of our intelligence objectives is complete and settled. Formerly a Nazi from conviction, he still hankers back after the days when the Party was in the saddle. He is convinced that the principles of National Socialism were sound and well adapted to the German mentality, certainly his own. His hatred of communism is not founded on thought, but on a fanatical and deep-rooted animosity, dating back to post-War I days when he served with Freikorps Rossbach. CAUTERY 1, who knows him well, believes that this hatred is the main motivating power behind practically everything CAUTERY 2 does. No useful purpose is served by reasoning with him over the crimes perpetrated under the aegis of the Third Reich. Although a painstaking investigation of his wartime activities failed to disclose any evidence that he was responsible for war crimes, he is loath to concede that the German police took a major share in their perpetration.

2. CAUTERY 2 is CAUTERY 1's chief assistant in the chain. During CAUTERY 1's absence on summer leave, CAUTERY 2 was in control of all operations and handled all financial matters.

3. CAUTERY 2 realizes that his chances of ever getting back into the German civil service are exceedingly slim. He is grateful to us for having provided him with an opportunity of making a decent living in a position akin to his former job.

4. CAUTERY 2's performance as an intelligence operator has been outstanding. His main accomplishments are the recruitment of [] and [] He further exploited the operational leads provided by [] which resulted in the recruitment of [] (run by []). He and CAUTERY 1 are jointly engaged in laying the groundwork for a defection of [] CAUTERY 2 also served as a go-between in the recruitment of [] He is currently engaged in reconnoitering the border areas of West Berlin with a view to determining the location of secure crossing points.

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5. CAUTERY 2 knows the following staff members of BOB:

- a. [] as []
- b. [] as []
- c. [] as []

6. In the chain, CAUTERY 2 uses the name "MARTENS". He has been issued "Economic Assessment Unit" credentials in that name. His operations base is the CAUTERY safe house. Only on rare occasions does he visit CAUTERY 1's office in the HICOG compound.

7. CAUTERY 2 is paid a monthly salary of 300. DM West. In view of the fact that he also draws unemployment insurance, his pay can be considered adequate. He will be granted a raise of 50. DM West per month, effective 1 January 1952.

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CAUTERY 2 = Theo Saevecke

CAUTERY 1 = Hans Lobbes